

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of LAKE UTILITIES, )	DOCKET NO. 890856-WS
INC. for a 1989 price index rate )	ORDER NO. 21718
adjustment in Citrus County. )	ISSUED: 8-11-89
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ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING PRICE INDEX RATE ADJUSTMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 3, 1989, Lake Utilities, Inc. (Utility) notified this Commission of its intention to increase rates to its customers in Citrus County by application of the price-indexing provisions of Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.420, Florida Administrative Code.

By Order No. 20972, issued by this Commission on March 31, 1989, in Docket No. 890005-WS, the rates of water and sewer utilities are subject to adjustment as a result of the application of the price index to certain utility operation and maintenance costs. The indexing factor is 4.35 percent.

After review of the indexing filing, we find that it meets the Commission's requirements, as set forth in Rule 25-30.420, Florida Administrative Code. In compliance with Rule 25-30.420(6), Florida Administrative Code, the Utility advised us that it will provide notice to its customers prior to the effective date of the rates, informing them of the impending rate adjustment and explaining that the increase is due to the application of the price index to certain operation and maintenance expenses.

Applying increase factors of 1.0334 and 1.0256 to the existing rate schedules results in increased water and sewer revenues of \$426 and \$307, respectively. The schedule of our computation is as follows:

1989 Price Index Application  
Test Year Ended December 31, 1988

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
1988 Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$ 10,322	\$ 8,374
Less: (1) Pass-through Item: Purchased Power	( 790)	( 1,509)
(2) Rate Case Expense Included in 1988 O & M Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Costs to be Indexed	\$ 9,532	\$ 6,865
Multiply by Change in GNP Implicit Price Deflator Index	x <u>.0435</u>	x <u>.0435</u>
Additional O & M Expenses	\$ 415	\$ 299
Divide by Expansion Factor for Regulatory Assessment Fees	÷ <u>.975</u>	÷ <u>.975</u>
Increase in Revenue	\$ 426	\$ 307
Divide by 1988 Booked Revenues	÷ <u>12,766</u>	÷ <u>11,982</u>
Percentage Increase	<u>3.34%</u>	<u>2.56%</u>
Increase Factor to Apply to Existing Rate Schedules	<u>1.0334</u>	<u>1.0256</u>

Rates which will allow the Utility to recognize this increase are as follows:

WATER (3.34% INCREASE)  
Monthly Rates

Residential and General Service

<u>Base Facility Charge</u> <u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Gallage</u> <u>Allowance</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>New</u>
1"	3,000	\$ 8.33	\$ 8.61
1-1/2"	6,000	\$ 16.67	\$ 17.23
2"	9,667	\$ 26.67	\$ 27.56
3"	19,333	\$ 53.33	\$ 55.11
4"	30,000	\$ 83.33	\$ 86.11
6"	60,000	\$ 166.67	\$ 172.24
<u>Gallage Charge</u> Per 1,000 Gallons Over Gallage Allowance		\$ .75	\$ .78

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SEWER (2.56% INCREASE)  
Monthly Rates

Residential and General Service

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>New</u>
Flat Rate	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.26

It is, therefore,


ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the indexing application of Lake Utilities, Inc., Post Office Box 5252, Lakeland, Florida 33803, is hereby acknowledged. It is further

ORDERED that the Utility shall submit revised tariff sheets containing the new rates indicated in this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the rates contained herein shall become effective for service rendered on or after September 2, 1989, subject to approval of revised tariff sheets and customer notice as previously indicated in this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 890856-WS shall be closed upon approval of the revised tariff sheets.

By Order of the Florida Public Service Commission,  
 this 11th day of august, 1989.

  
 STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
 Division of Records and Reporting

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